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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION: COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES
IS INFORMED OF REQUEST FOR RESUMED LOS SESSION

1. THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED
MAY 23 BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERPRETATION AND MEETINGS
DIVISION (OUDOVENKO) THAT THE LOS CONFERENCE HAS
ASKED THAT A RESUMED LOS SESSION BE HELD FROM AUGUST 21
TO SEPTEMBER 15 IN NEW YORK.

2. OUDOVENKO TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT A RESUMED LOS
SESSION WOULD CAUSE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR
CONFERENCE SERVICES IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ANOTHER
SPECIAL CONFERENCE, THE UN CONFERENCE ON TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS SCHEDULED
TO BE HELD FROM AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 12 IN BUENOS
AIRES. OUDOVENKO SAID IT WOULD BE "IMPOSSIBLE" TO
PROVIDE THE FIFTY ARABIC INTERPRETERS REQUIRED FOR
BOTH CONFERENCES BECAUSE "THERE ARE NOT THAT MANY
QUALIFIED ARABIC INTERPRETERS IN THE WORLD."

3. THE NEEDS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, WHICH IS
ALSO SCHEDULED TO MEET IN NEW YORK DURING LATE AUGUST
AND EARLY SEPTEMBER, WILL FURTHER STRAIN CONFERENCE
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SERVICES' ABILITY TO ADEQUATELY SERVE THESE CONFERENCES
ACCORDING TO OUDOVENKO. IF THE LOS SESSION REQUIRES
THREE FULL CONFERENCE ROOMS, AS SEEMS LIKELY, IT IS
QUESTIONABLE WHETHER SPACE COULD BE FOUND FOR THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

4. OUDOVENKO EMPHASIZED THAT CONFERENCE SERVICES WOULD

REQUIRE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR A RESUMED LOS SESSION.

5. THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES WILL ACT UPON THE REQUEST FOR A RESUMED LOS SESSION AS SOON AS IT IS PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ITS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. THIS INFORMATION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 29TH.

6. USUN REQUIRES INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MATTER. YOUNG

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